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Service to God

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Introduction:

our responsibility

1. Serving the Lord----to discharge our duty to the Lord.
2. Romans 14:18---"serveth Christ"
3. Eph 6:7-----"with good will doing service" *unto the Lord not man*
4. 1st 6:24-----"Cannot serve two masters."
5. How should the Lord be served?
6. In what ways did Paul serve Christ?

BODY:

I. LOWLINESS OF MIND: (Humility of mind K.J.)

1. Without arrogance, or pride.
"The greatest endowments are usually connected with the most simple and childlike humility"
2. Matt 11:29---Jesus says he is meek and lowly.
3. Matt 18:24---"Except ye humble yourselves as little children."
4. Eph 4:2---"with all lowliness and meekness."
5. Phil 2:3-11---Jesus humbled himself in the fashion of man
6. Col. 3:12---put on therefore---lowliness---
7. Jas 4:6-10---"God resisteth the proud, but..."
8. Humility is an essential characteristic of true worship, of of the man who is right with God.
9. There can be no love without humility---1 Cor 13:4
10. Humility is not slavery, but serving with the desire to please.
11. The humble mind is at the root of *peace* all other graces and virtues. HUMILITY IS NOT PRESENT WHERE THERE IS NO OBEDIENCE.
Men bow (stiffer) their neck when God tells them what to do. "Not going to tell me what to do!"

II. WITH TEARS ----- (Regard for others)

1. Paul often gives evidence of the tenderness of his heart of his regard for the souls of men, and his deep feeling for the salvation of sinners.
2. Acts 20:31--- "admonished with tears."
3. Phil 3:18--- "tellyou with weeping."
4. 2 Cor 2:4---"wrote you in tears."
5. NOTICE:

Tears not for personal danger, but because of his regard for the welfare of others.

6. Christians should (must):

- (1) feel for the salvation of souls. weep over their condition when we see them going astray.
- (2) We will be affected by the opposition, because it will retard our work, but we must not grow weary

III. TRIALS:

1. Temptations arising from opposition (vs 3).
2. Snares and plots were designed to blast his reputation and to destroy his usefulness.
3. Jesus withstood Luke 4:13---"And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season." *Flesh, Eyes, Vain glory of Life.*
4. James 1:12---"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. 1:2---"Count it all joy.. MY BROTHER"
5. 1 Cor 10:13---"no temptation but that we can withstand it"
6. 1 Pet 5:8---"Be sober, watchful, devil goeth about as a roaring lion."
7. 2 Cor 11:23-28---

CONCL:

1. How are we serving God today, in our every day life?
2. Do we serve as Paul did?
3. Why not begin today to serve the Lord correctly.
These things are offered to those who belong to HIM.
Do you belong to Christ?

2 Cor 11:28 - Anxiety for all the churches